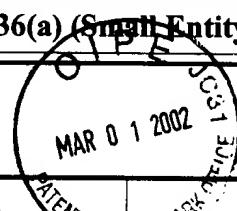


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HCOMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)Docket No.
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In Re Application Of: Simon Foote, et al.

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of August 20, 2001 in the above-identified application.

Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: November 20, 2001
*Date*until: February 20, 2002
Date

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- is enclosed.
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	27 -	32 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	5 =	0	x \$42.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$460.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$460.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of \$460.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$0.00
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Signature

Dated: February 20, 2002

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on Feb. 20, 2002 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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